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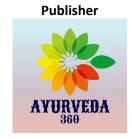
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Cervical Spondylosis as Manyāstambha: An Ayurvedic Review with Lifestyle and Yogic

Recommendations

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Cervical spondylosis is a common degenerative condition of the cervical spine, often characterized by neck pain, stiffness, and radiating sensations such as tingling or numbness from the shoulders to the fingers—typically due to nerve root compression. In the modern era, sedentary lifestyles, poor posture, prolonged computer usage, shift duties, irregular eating habits, and frequent travel contribute significantly to the development and progression of cervical spine disorders. In *Āyurveda*, a similar condition is described as *Manyāstambha*, one of the *Nānātmaja Vāta Vyādhi*. According to the Suśruta Saṃhitā, causes like daytime sleep, prolonged static postures, and continuous upward gazing disturb the balance of *Vāta* and *Kapha*, leading to stiffness and restricted movement in the neck. Clinically, *Manyāstambha* can be correlated with cervical spondylosis.

Methods: The present study is based on a thorough review of classical Āyurveda texts including Caraka Saṃhitā, Suśruta Saṃhitā, and Aṣṭāṅga Ḥṛdaya, alongside contemporary medical textbooks and published research articles. The focus was to explore the etiopathogenesis and symptomatology of *Manyāstambha* in light of cervical spondylosis and to understand the commonalities between Āyurveda and modern views on this condition

Results:

The literary analysis revealed that *Manyāstambha* closely resembles the clinical presentation

of cervical spondylosis. The involvement of $V\bar{a}ta$ Doṣa, especially $Vy\bar{a}na$ $V\bar{a}yu$, in the $Gr\bar{v}a$ Pradeśa (cervical region), is emphasized in $\bar{A}yurveda$. Additionally, $\acute{S}leṣaka$ Kapha is often noted as an associated or supporting doṣa ($Anubandh\bar{v}$ Doṣa), contributing to the stiffness and reduced mobility of the neck.

Discussion : This study supports the conceptual correlation between $Many\bar{a}stambha$ and cervical spondylosis, offering a dual understanding rooted in both classical \bar{A} yurveda principles and modern biomedical science. Recognizing this overlap opens pathways for integrative approaches in the management of cervical spondylosis, including \bar{A} yurveda therapies aimed at balancing $V\bar{a}ta$ and reducing stiffness. Further clinical studies are warranted to validate \bar{A} yurveda interventions in managing such degenerative spinal conditions effectively.

Keywords: Cervical Spondylosis, *Manyāstambha, Vātavyādhi, Grīvāstambha, Grīvāgatavāta Roga, Pathya* and *Apathya*

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